RE: Approval of Amendment to CPHS Protocol #2008-12-16
“Behavioral and Psychological Factors in Online Game Playing” - Graduate Research - Economics

Dear Mr. Chow:

Thank you for submitting an application for approval of amendment to the above-referenced protocol. On December 4, 2009, the following amendments were reviewed and approved on an expedited basis under expedited review category 45 CFR 46.110(b)(2):

1. Addition of Berkeley Population Center as a funding source.
2. Expansion of recruitment to include UC Davis, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz and UC Santa Barbara

The number of this approval remains 2008-12-16. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence about the project. The expiration date of the approval also remains 2/5/2010.

Please note the following:

Continuation/Renewal: Approximately 8 weeks before the expiration of this approval, OPHS will send you a courtesy reminder. Applications for continuation review should be submitted no later than 6 weeks prior to the expiration date of the current approval to allow sufficient time for the renewal process. Note: It is the responsibility of the Lead Investigator to submit for renewed approval in a timely manner. In keeping with federal regulations, if approval expires, all research activity (including data analysis) must cease until re-approval from CPHS has been received. Before applying, please check current CPHS guidelines, instructions and forms available at http://cphs.berkeley.edu.

Amendments/Modifications: Any change in the design, conduct, or key personnel of this research must be approved by the CPHS prior to implementation. (For more information, see “Process for Submission & Review of Applications” and “Application Forms & Informed Consent” on CPHS website).

Unanticipated Problems and Adverse Events: If any study subject experiences an unanticipated problem involving risks to subjects or others, and/or a serious adverse event, the CPHS must be informed promptly within no more than one week (7 calendar days), and receive a written report within no more than two weeks (14 calendar days), of recognition/ notification of the event. (For more information on definitions and reporting requirements related to this topic, see “Adverse Event and Unanticipated Problem Reporting” on the CPHS website).

If you have any questions about the above, please contact the Office for the Protection of Human Subjects staff at

Office for the Protection of Human Subjects
University of California at Berkeley
Thank you for your cooperation and your commitment to the protection of human subjects in research.

Sincerely,

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